

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, insert as a heading:

Field of the Invention

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9, insert as a heading:

Background

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25, insert as a heading:

Summary of the Invention

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25 with:

For this purpose, the device of the invention, ~~which in other respects conforms to the generic definition given in the introduction above, is essentially characterized by the fact that the selection device~~ comprises touch-sensitive zones for selection of the variable to be measured, and a means for activating the measuring means associated with the variable selected with the touch-sensitive selection zones.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12 with:

Advantageously, the Ampères input socket can have two half-sockets electrically isolated from one another, the connecting end of the cord ~~being equipped with~~ including a plug that short-circuits the two half-sockets when the connecting end of the cord is connected to the Ampères input socket, the detection means detecting the short-circuiting of the two half-sockets.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 29, insert as a heading:

Brief Description of Drawing Figures

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 32 with:

- Figure 1 is a front view of an embodiment of the instrument of the invention, without a measurement cord,

Before the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4, insert as a heading:

Detailed Description

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 25 with:

The six touch-sensitive family zones 211, touch-sensitive zone 30 for starting/stopping the instrument, and touch-sensitive zone 31 for general parameterization of the instrument, are arranged in a circle in imitation of a mechanical rotary switching device.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16 with:

Light indicators 34 are ~~electroluminescent~~ light-emitting diodes known by the acronym LEDs.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 28 with:

Touch-sensitive family zones 21, stop/start zone 30, general parameterization zone 31, menu-~~zone~~ zones F1 to F5, functional zones 32, and zone 33 for control of the contents of the display are all contactors, for example, push-buttons, allowing one to position electromechanical or solid-state relays associated with them, where these relays are supported on an electronic card.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 28 with:

Figure 5 represents a part of the front of a measurement instrument of the prior art ~~equipped with~~ including rotary mechanical selector 70 and two selection buttons 71 and 72.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13 with:

Finally, the use of the selection device only requires one hand, since it is sufficient to press the touch-sensitive zones with a finger. This operating mode is easy and fast. The instrument is preferably portable but can be stationary. Its dimensions are comparable to those of a portable multimeter that is conventionally used for checking electric circuits and ~~that is equipped with~~ include a rotary mechanical selector.